



TRIANGLE SQUARES



December 2006

Be an Angel!

Welcome back one and all!

Now that dance classes have resumed for the year, I would like to welcome all our returning members and new dancers to Triangle Squares. No doubt the first few tips will be tentative, as we try to remember just what we learned those months ago and put our feet into motion! This past summer's IAGSDC convention in the Silicon Galaxy is but a fond memory, and all of us look forward to fine-tuning our dance technique and learning new dance calls.

Above and beyond our own progression, we should pause for a moment. What can we do to make the dance a better experience for all of us? Each of us remembers a time when a stubborn call we were trying to learn was finally nailed down by dancing with an Angel. A kind, patient and oh-so helpful dancer from a level above. To you angels, I give my humble thanks! To those of you who have not "angel-ed", I urge you to do so. In helping our less experienced dancers, we often help ourselves. It can be refreshing to review old, often forgotten calls from a level learned previously. It is an excellent way to forge new friendships, meet club members, and enrich social relations across our club. Most importantly, you could be that missing dancer that will complete a square.

So if you are looking to learn the other dance position, you "kinda" know, or just have an evening free...be an Angel! There are 7 dancers waiting for YOU!



*Sincerely Yours, B. Peter Brych
President, Triangle Squares*

TRIANGLE SQUARES EVENTS

Sunday, December 3

Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner & Dance

Party Room at 40 Homewood Ave.

Cost: \$10 (available at class or at the door)



June 29th – July 1st, 2007 – Scoot Across The Border

A Tribute to 007! The dates of our fly-in have changed!

Please take note, and tell your friends!

Upcoming Fly-In's and Events

ACDC 2007, February 16-18, 2007, Washington DC, hosted by DC Lambda Squares. Callers: Vic Ceder, Clark Baker, Linda Kendall & Geo Jedlicka. Info: e-mail acdc@dclambdasquares.org; www.dclambdasquares.org/acdc/index.php.

Philadelphia Freedom XV - Make Magic in the Woods, March 30 to April 1, 2007, Lake Harmony, PA, hosted by Independence Squares. Callers: Anne Uebelacker, Sandra Bryant, & Glenn Matthew. Info: <http://independencesquares.org/>

Red Rocks and Purple Mountains, May 25-28th, 2007, 24th Annual IAGSDC Convention, Denver, Colorado. www.denver2007.com/index.html. Further information and registration forms are available by contacting Bob Hails at robert.hails@sympatico.ca.

For all other events in association with the IAGSDC, please go to <http://www.iagsdc.org/cgi-bin/calendar>.

Load The Boat - October 2006

By B. Peter Brych

It wasn't Thanksgiving this time, but the Cleveland fly-in was great fun! Our drive down just happened to coincide with one of the nastiest snowfalls Western New York had ever had! While there were almost a dozen dancers from Triangle Squares, only 1 car load managed to get across at Buffalo! All the other Toronto dancers had to go via Detroit, as the border at Buffalo was closed by then.

Our own Don St Jean was calling along with John Marshall, and they both did a wonderful job. The theme this year was the fairy tale "Rub A Dub Dub, Three Men In A Tub! Phillip and Peter made a wonderful pair as Jack and Jill in handmade costumes. There was a Goldilocks, Bears, The Evil Queen, Tweedledee & Tweedledum, and a whole host of fairy tale & fantasy figures at the ball held on Saturday night. Dancing was held from Friday to Sunday. We had a wonderful walk as part of the fairy tale hunt on Saturday afternoon, followed by a delicious lunch. Next year, Cleveland's fly-in is back to our Thanksgiving weekend, with the theme of *Pirates of the Cuyahoga!* Arrghh, Billy, will ye be in Cleveland?

TRIANGLE SQUARES NEWS

Continuing on the theme, Angels are needed for the Plus level classes. If you can help, please come to the '519' on Thursdays from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.!

The last classes in December, prior to the Christmas Break, will be during the week of December 10, 2006. Classes for all levels will resume during the week of January 7, 2007.

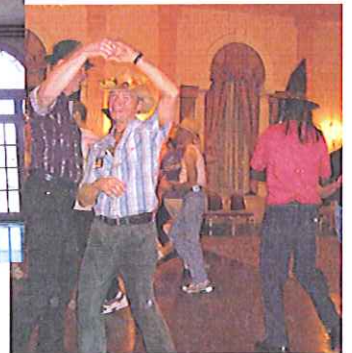
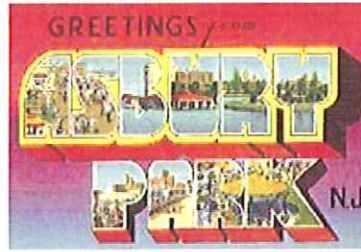
We have just completed firming up definite class lists for the 2006-2007 dance year, so that the most recent contact information for each member is placed on our data base. If there is a change in any of your contact information, please inform Bob Hails at robert.hails@sympatico.ca, so that the data base can be kept current. Accurate membership lists are also required so that we can obtain the club insurance for each member. Insurance cards, with their individual numbers, will be distributed to each club member when they become available. When you get your insurance card, please keep it in a safe place in case, God forbid, it is required should you have a dance-related accident during one of our classes or events.

A reminder: We are endeavouring to make sure that the club members are informed of any upcoming dates that are important to know and also to share other information that our members should be aware of. We rely on the newsletter and the e-mail information you provide to us. However, as a back-up, please use the telephone message service, which is provided through X-tra magazine. The phone number for this service is 416-925-9872 (ext. 2014). We will try to make sure that the phone messages are kept as current as possible.

Helen Reyken at the 519 Community Centre was contacted earlier in the year regarding a possible disruption in our use of the 519 facilities during their construction process. We were informed that we will have the use of the current space we use (the second floor auditorium) until March 7, 2007. Following this date, the A-1 and Plus classes will be relocated to the new wing in the East Room South on the first floor. Hence, there will be no need to disrupt our use of the 519 during the construction process or to find alternative locations for our classes.



If you'd like to submit an article for inclusion in the newsletter, or have digital photographs you'd like to include, please e-mail them to our newsletter editor Don Cheff. at doncheff@hotmail.com.



Peel The Pumpkin – October 2006

By Don Cheff

In mid-October, I attended Times Square's fly-in, after having won the registration at our fly-in this past spring! Times Square decided this year to try a different location and came up with the historic town of Asbury Park, on the northern shores of New Jersey, a little over an hour from NYC.

The dancing was held at a Grand-Dame hotel of the 1920's, the Berkeley Carteret Oceanfront Hotel. Most dancers stayed at the hotel as well, as few live in town or nearby, which made getting to the richly adorned ballrooms much more convenient.

It'd been many years since I'd attended a square dance event hosted by TS, and I'm very glad I took advantage of this opportunity, as I got to reminisce with old acquaintances, as well as to make new friends.

Curiously, Asbury Park and its neighboring town of Ocean Grove, have a growing lesbian and gay population, and I think much of the regentrification is as a result of their influx and influence. These towns are very lovely and quaint, with a predominantly Victorian sensibility to the more ornate architecture. In contrast, there are many decrepit historic buildings, though there's a move to restore these, in time, and with so much development taking place, this will hopefully translate to the restoration of the old Casino complex and the Paramount theatre.

I also took advantage to rediscover New York City for a few days, visiting several museums, and wandering around as much as my legs would carry me!

Thank-you Times Square for a delightful and well orchestrated fly-in, in a quirky and pleasant setting at the seaside!